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 3151 GAA GTA GAA TAC CTG GTT AAG GGT CTG CGT AAC AAA TTC CAA CTG AAC TGT TAC GTA AAA 3210
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 3211 ATC AAC AAA AAC AAA CCG ATC ATC TAC ATC GAT TCT ATG TCT TAC CTG ATC TTC TAC AAC 3270
 193 I N K N K P I I Y I D S M S Y L I F Y N 212
 3271 CTG ATC AAA CCG TAC CTG ATC CCG CAG ATG ATG TAC AAA CTG CCG AAC ACT ATC TCC TCC 3330
 213 L I K P Y L I P Q M M Y K L P N T I S S 232
 3331 GAA ACT TTC CTG AAA TAA (SEQ ID NO:1)
 233 E T F L K * (SEQ ID NO:2). --

On page 7, beginning on line 2 and ending at the bottom of the page, replace paragraphs 1-11 with the following new paragraphs:

-- This invention will be more fully described with reference to the drawings in which:

Fig. 1 depicts the universal code equivalent of the mitochondrial I-SceI gene (SEQ ID NO:1).

Fig. 2 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the invention encoding the enzyme I-SceI and the amino acid sequence of the natural I-SceI enzyme (SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 2).

Fig. 3 depicts the I-SceI recognition sequence and indicates the possible base mutations in the recognition site and the effect of such mutations on stringency of recognition (SEQ ID NOS: 6, 7, and 8).

Fig. 4 is the nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of a region of plasmid pSCM525. The nucleotide sequence of the invention encoding the enzyme I-SceI is enclosed in the box (SEQ ID NOS: 9 through 16).

Fig. 5 depicts variations around the amino acid sequence of the enzyme I-SceI (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Fig. 6 shows Group I intron encoding endonucleases and related endonucleases (SEQ ID NOS: 17-44).

Fig. 7 depicts yeast expression vectors containing the synthetic gene for I-SceI.

Fig. 8 depicts the mammalian expression vector PRSV I-SceI.